

CLAIMS

1. (First time amended) A method of neutralizing opponents in a terrorist and/or hostage situation where said terrorists are within a confined space comprising:

creating an opening in said space apart from the normal openings therein [such as] including windows or doors,

calculating the amount of CO₂ it will take to insert through said opening to render the opponents unconscious,

inserting [an inert gas] CO₂ into said space in an amount calculated to render the [terrorists] opponents unconscious,

venting said space of said [inert] CO₂ gas so as to provide air to allow the [occupants] opponents and hostages to [obtain] attain consciousness.
2. [First time amended] A method as in claim 1 wherein the [inert gas] CO₂ is inserted into said space in amount comprising 12 to 15% of the air in the space.

3. [First time amended] A method as in claim 1 wherein the opening in said space is created by a lance connected to a battering ram[.], said lance being on the forward end of said battering ram, said battering ram having a sliding weight portion thereon.
4. [First time amended] A method as in claim 3 wherein said lance has an aperture therein which allows gas to flow into said space[.] once said battering ram has created said opening and said lance is projecting into said space.
5. [First time amended] A method as in claim 1 wherein said opening is already present and the gas is introduced under a door of the space[.] by a insertion nozzle configured to fit beneath a door.
6. [Original] A method as in claim 1 wherein said space is the inside of a structure.
7. [Original] A method as in claim 1 wherein said space is the passenger compartment of a commercial airliner.
8. [First time amended] A method as in claim 1 wherein said [inert gas is] CO₂[.] is mixed with an odorant which gives off an odor similar to a petroleum product.
9. [Original] A method as in claim 8 wherein said CO₂ is introduced so as to be 12 to 15% of the air within the space.

10. [First time amended] A [inert gas] CO2 neutralizing system for [use against] use against terrorists and/or hostage takers within a confined space, said system comprising
- a source of [inert gas,] CO2,
- manual non-explosive means to create an opening in said space,
- and means to deliver said [inert gas] CO2 from said source into said space.
- said means to deliver said CO2 operatively connected to said means to create an opening.
11. [Original] A system as in claim 10 wherein said gas source is a tank with a delivery hose.
12. [Original] A system as in claim 10 wherein said means to create an opening in said space comprises a battering ram for punching a hole in a wall or door.
13. [First time amended] A system as in claim 10 wherein said means to deliver said gas from said source to said space comprises a hollow lance, said lance being connected to said battering ram[.] at the forward end thereof.

14. [Original] A system as in claim 13 wherein said lance means has a valve thereon whereby the flow of gas can be controlled.
15. [Original] A system as in claim 14 wherein said lance has dissipation holes therein whereby the gas may disperse into the confined space.
16. [First time amended] A system as in claim 10 wherein said [inert gas is CO₂.]
CO₂ has an odorant mixed therewith to create a false impression of the nature of the gas.
17. [Original] A system as in claim 11 wherein the means for creating an opening in said space and the means to deliver said gas are the same member.
18. [Original] A system as in claim 17 wherein said member comprises a hollow lance for introducing gas into said space and the opening for said lance is created by a portion of said member being a battering ram.
19. [First time amended] A system as in claim 18 wherein said member has an adjustment valve thereon for regulating the amount of gas that flows into said space.
20. [Cancelled] A system as in claim 10 wherein said system is mounted inside a commercial aircraft and said means to create an opening into the space, which is a passenger compartment, is a remote valve controlled from the aircraft cockpit.